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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. MOOD IS UPBEAT AT OPENING SESSION OF PREPCON II

AFTER RECEIVING OFFERS OF COOPERATION FROM THE SAUDIS,  
IRANIANS, AND INDIANS IN THE INITIAL ROUND OF BILATERAL  
CONSULTATIONS AND THEN CONGRATULATIONS FROM MANY DELEGA-  
TIONS AT THE OPENING SESSION FOR HAVING GOTTEN NEGOTIA-  
TIONS BACK ON THE TRACK, THE US DELEGATION TO PREPCON II  
FEELS:

--THERE IS A GENERAL DETERMINATION AMONG THE DELE-  
GATES TO MAKE THE CONFERENCE A SUCCESS.

--MOST DELEGATES BELIEVE THE POSITIVE MOOD OF THE  
SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION HAS CARRIED OVER TO PARIS.

HOWEVER, THE GENERALLY GOOD IMPRESSION LEFT BY THE BILAT-

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ERALS AND THE FIRST DAY SHOULD NOT OBSCURE THE ACTUAL DIF-

FICULTIES POSED BY SPECIFIC SUBJECTS. THE CONFERENCE TERMS OF REFERENCE MAY PROVE PARTICULARLY TROUBLESOME.  
(CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 26529 AND 26530, 10/13.)

2. THAI OFFICIALS OPPOSE RESIDUAL US PRESENCE AT UTAPAO

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE PRAMAN HAS ANNOUNCED HIS OPPOSITION TO MAKING THE US BASE AT UTAPAO AVAILABLE TO OUR FORCES ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS AFTER NEXT MARCH'S TOTAL PULLOUT. PRAMAN'S STATEMENT WAS ECHOED BY A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN, WHO DENIED THAT THE US HAD MADE ANY SUCH REQUEST.

EMBASSY BANGKOK COMMENTS:

--ALTHOUGH THE STATEMENTS DO NOT PRECLUDE AGREEING ON A RESIDUAL US PRESENCE, THE OFFICIALS INVOLVED HAVE BOXED THEMSELVES IN AND WILL FIND THEIR REMARKS DIFFICULT TO DISAVOW.

--WE MUST MOVE QUICKLY TO OPEN TALKS BEFORE CONTINUING PUBLIC DISCUSSION FURTHER REDUCES THE OPTIONS.  
(CONFIDENTIAL) BANGKOK 21591, 10/14.)

3. TURKEY-CYPRUS: THE PACE IS SLOW

FOLLOWING A LENGTHY POST-ELECTION SESSION WITH CAGLAYANGIL, AMBASSADOR MACOMBER BELIEVES THAT WHILE THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL REVIEW THE CDI POSITION, THE OUTCOME MAY NOT BE IMMEDIATELY POSITIVE. IF A QUICK RESTORATION OF THE ACTIVITIES IS THOUGHT NECESSARY IN WASHINGTON, THE AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDS THREE HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIONS--THE PRESIDENT OR THE SECRETARY TO CAGLAYANGIL OR DEMIREL; GENERAL HAIG TO GENERAL SANCAR; AND THE DEPARTMENT TO AMBASSADOR ESENBEL.

ON CYPRUS, THE AMBASSADOR IS CONCERNED ABOUT CAGLAYANGIL'S CONTINUED VAGUENESS AND BY THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE GOT'S NOTION OF BEING FLEXIBLE WILL NOT APPEAR SO TO OTHERS.  
MACOMBER RECOMMENDS, HOWEVER, THAT FOR THE MOMENT WE WAIT TO SEE IF PROMPT AND ADEQUATE TURKISH ACTION IS FORTHCOMING.

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